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In re Application of: Clark et al. Examiner: Fischer, Andrew.
Serial Number: 09/560,785 Group Art Unit: 3627
Filed: 04/28/00
For: METHOD FOR DESIGNING AND PURCHASING A PRODUCT

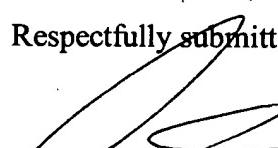
Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Applicants' undersigned attorney thanks the Examiner for a kind and thorough review of the Application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that an election/restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. §121. The Applicants hereby elect Claims 1 - 7 and 13 - 15 which read upon "Invention I", as described in the Office Action. This election is made without waiving the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected Claims.

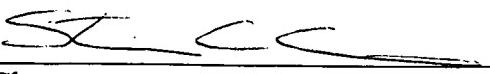
If the Examiner has any further questions regarding this matter, he is invited to call Applicant's undersigned attorney at (248) 865-9588.

Respectfully submitted,


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Response to Office Action is being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as First Class Mail addressed to the Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231 on this 27 day of August 2002.

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